

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, President Benjamin Harrison could not have proclaimed statehood for South Dakota on November 2, 1889, without the prior congressional passage of Omnibus Enabling Act and its signing into law by President Grover Cleveland on February 22, 1889; and,

WHEREAS, The Omnibus Enabling Act of 1889 was the culmination of seventeen years of struggle by Dakota Territory residents to achieve division and statehood; and,

WHEREAS, The Act established the procedures for six areas of the United States to become states, provided for the division of Dakota Territory along the seventh standard parallel into two states and mandated the creation of a state constitution; and,

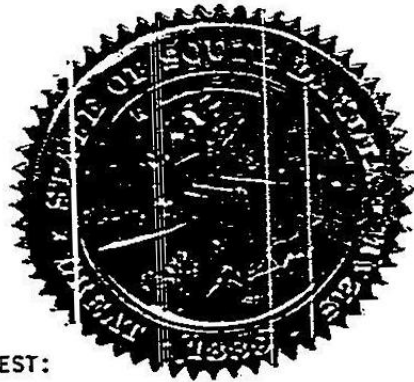
WHEREAS, On February 22, 1989, the Finsland family of Superior, Wisconsin, are giving to the people of South Dakota the pen that was used by President Benjamin Harrison to sign the proclamation that made South Dakota a state; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to recognize the importance of the Omnibus Enabling Act in the creation of South Dakota and give special thanks to the Finsland family for their generous gift:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 22, 1989, as

#### OMNIBUS ENABLING ACT DAY

in South Dakota, and request all South Dakotans to join me in thanking the Finsland family for their generous gift.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Second Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE